

SCC Academic Senate Minutes – FINAL (Approved 2020-09-01)
July 7, 2020, 1:30-3:00, ConferZoom

Senators Present

Aguilera, Leonor
Castellanos, Ralph
Crabill, Phil
Dahl, Michael
Danova, Veselka
Dela-Cusack, Lisa
Gates, Alana
Gonzalez, Sara
Govea, Melissa
Graham, Song
Henry, Amanda
James, Scott
Johnson, Kim
Kramer, Jessica
Murphy, Ryan
Oase, Daniel
VanDyke-Kao, Rita

SCC-AS Executive Board Present

Rutan, Craig, President
Taylor, Mike, Vice President
Scott, Randy, Secretary/Treasurer
Evet, Corinna, CIC Chair

Senators Absent

Chavez, Ricardo
Cummins, Shawn
Salcido, Andrew
Umali Kopp, Christine
Valdos, Yanina

ASG Representative

Memon, Umaimah

Guests

Gauss, Tiffany
Gonzalez, Dayanira
Jones, Vanessa
Martin, Linda
Mettler, Mary
Nguyen, Tuyen
Sanchez, Sandra
Stringer, Martin
Tragarz, Roberta

- I. Welcome
- II. Public Comments

Melissa Govea expressed concern over the announcement from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that any international students taking exclusively online classes must return to their home country. (See Appendix.) Furthermore, Govea suggested that the Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate (SCC-AS) Executive Board meet to discuss what steps the faculty could take to protect SCC's international students.

III. Approval of the Minutes

a. 16 June 2020

Approved. Moved by Taylor; seconded by Gates. Passed unanimously with abstentions for senators not present at the June 16, 2020 business meeting.

IV. SCC-AS Executive Board Reports

- a. *President Rutan*: President Rutan explained the ICE rule change cancelling the F-1 and M-1 visas of any international students enrolled in exclusively online courses, i.e., no face-to-face courses. It is expected to be a topic of timely discussion at both district and state levels.

President Rutan reiterated the expressed desire of RSCCD Chancellor Martinez to have some face-to-face courses in Fall 2020. These will most likely be limited to lab courses at the beginning of the Fall semester, with both the Chancellor and Board of Trustees wishing to have additional face-to-face classes open during the semester. Teaching mode for Spring 2021 is still undecided.

President Rutan discussed the meaning of “hold harmless” with respect to the budget for 2020-2021. RSCCD is projected to be under the required target for Full-time Equivalent Students (FTES). As a hold-harmless district, RSCCD’s funding is supplemented by the state. However, the state hasn’t had the funds to pay this supplement for a number of years, so it seems unlikely that the district will receive the supplement for 2020-2021.

The total RSCCD budget for 2020-2021 is about \$174 million. There is a Proposition 30 shortfall of about \$14 million for 2019-2020; the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) says it expects to pay that shortfall by Spring 2021, if the funds are available. This continuing shortfall impacts the district’s ability to pay bills in a timely manner and may in fact force the district to borrow against assets to fund district liabilities.

In addition to the 2019-2020 shortfall, the CCCCCO believes there will be a \$35 million shortfall for 2020-2021 that will be deferred to 2021-2022.

No COLA will be paid for 2020-2021 and the 19 unfilled faculty positions (among other administrative and classified positions) will remain unfilled, and there will be a \$2 million deficit at the district level for 2020-2021. The search for college president will continue after SCC President John Hernandez resigns effective July 31, 2020.

President Rutan discussed the possibility of faculty and other cuts in 2021-2022. Many supply budgets across campus have already been cut.

President Rutan encourages all faculty to stay tuned for ongoing budget news.

- b. *Vice-President Taylor*: Vice-President Taylor is converting the database containing the faculty committee assignments to an excel spreadsheet.

Please inform Vice-President Taylor of any changes to committee membership as we head towards Fall 2020.

- c. *Secretary/Treasurer Scott*: No Report.
- d. *CIC Chair Evett*: Interim CIC Chair Corinna Evett thanked Darlene Diaz for her service.

CIC Chair Evett described the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Responsive Curriculum and Collective training. This ongoing conference/training focuses on equity through a curricular lens.

CIC Chair Evett gave her support to Melissa Govea's public comment.

V. ASG Report

- a. ASG executive board is meeting every week.
 - i. Scheduling remote activities, get-togethers, etc.
 - ii. Training for new ASG is being prepared.
 - iii. Virtual newsletter is planned for distribution to students.
- b. ASG is optimistic about meetings format.

VI. Discussion Items

- a. Extension of P/NP Deadlines and Granting of EW Refunds for Summer and Fall 2020.

Tuyen Nguyen, SCC Assistant Dean of Admission & Records, explained how the Excused Withdrawal (EW) shows up on the transcript, but does not affect the students' attempts toward course repetition.

For Spring 2020, the EW was extended to the end of week 15 and the CCCC allowed for a refund of the \$46 per-unit fee and the granting of EW without any documentation.

Clarification has been requested for deadlines for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 and in particular will the refund be offered for those sessions.

Santa Ana College (SAC) believes that the CCCC emergency declaration is still ongoing, and seems to be planning to offer the extended timing long with the

refunds for EW.

Leonor Aguilera discussed how Pass/No Pass (P/NP) affects the transfer and acceptance of major coursework. The California State University (CSU) will accept a P grade for Winter, Spring, and Summer 2020; Fall 2020 is currently undecided. The University of California (UC) maintained its limit of 14 units of P/NP coursework through Winter, Spring, and Summer 2020; for Fall 2020, UC will accept a P grade on major courses for admissions, but granting of credit towards graduation will be a department-by-department decision.

Students need to see a Counselor to understand the consequences of P/NP.

If the SCC policy is widely divergent from the SAC policy, some administrative bodies may raise questions. Mary Mettler pointed out that our students can always appeal to the Exceptions to Academic Regulations (EAR) committee to change a grade or P/NP.

During the ensuing discussion, some senators expressed desire for deadlines similar to Spring 2020 (week 15), others supported deadlines in line with SAC (up to three weeks after the end of the semester.) The compromise is reflected in the two resolutions detailed in Section VII, Action Items.

VII. Actions Items

- a. **Resolution Su2020.01 – Adoption of the Temporary Modifications to AR 4232 and Santiago Canyon College Catalog Section on Pass/No Pass for Summer 2020.**

Moved by CIC Chair Evett to amend the resolution by replacing July 31, 2020 with August 17, 2020 and to suggest to A&R to permit an documentation-free EW; seconded by Senator Gates. Amendment passed unanimously.

Moved by CIC Chair Evett to waive second reading; seconded by Senator Aguilera. Waiving of second reading passed unanimously.

Resolution Su2020.01, moved by Senator Gates, seconded by Senator Aguilera, passed unanimously. Final version of Resolution Su2020.01 will be posted on the SCC-AS website and attached to these minutes.

- b. **Resolution Su2020.02 – Adoption of the temporary Modifications to AR 4232 and Santiago Canyon College Catalog Section on Pass/No Pass for Fall 2020.**

Moved by Sec/Treasurer Scott to amend the resolution by replacing December 4, 2020 with December 18, 2020 and to suggest to A&R to permit an

documentation-free EW; seconded by Senator Evett. Amendment passed unanimously.

Moved by CIC Chair Evett to waive second reading; seconded by Senator Aguilera. Waiving of second reading passed unanimously.

Resolution Su2020.01, moved by Senator Aguilera, seconded by Senator Gates, passed unanimously. Final version of Resolution Su2020.02 will be posted on the SCC-AS website and attached to these minutes.

Meeting adjourned, 3:13 pm.

Submitted by Randy Scott, SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer

Appendix

[ICE Rule Change 01](#); [ICE Rule Change 02](#)

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Resolution Su2020.01

Adoption of the Temporary Modifications to AR 4232 and Santiago Canyon College Catalog Section on Pass/No Pass and Recommendations for Documentation for Excused Withdrawal for Summer 2020

Moved: Senator Gates

Seconded: Senator Aguilera

Whereas, The COVID-19 State of Emergency necessitated public health measures such as mandated social distancing that substantially disrupted instruction at Rancho Santiago Community College District; and

Whereas, Santiago Canyon College will continue to convert on-campus classroom-based instruction to online instruction, and students may continue to experience online learning for the first time; and

Whereas, Students may find hardship adapting to the new instructional method; or experience difficulty balancing education with other situations or obligations that have changed as a result of the COVID-19 crisis; and

Whereas, Students may want to consider the option to select a Pass/No Pass P/NP) grading option or request an Excused Withdrawal (EW) due to extenuating circumstances related to the COVID-19 crisis;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College adopt the Pass/No Pass deadline extension of August 17, 2020 and the temporary modifications to AR 4232 and SCC Catalog section on Pass/No Pass for the session of Fall 2020 affected by the COVID-19 State of Emergency; and

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College urge Admissions and Records to grant an Excused Withdrawal (EW) without requiring any documentation for any student submitting their request to Admissions and Records by August 17, 2020.

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Seconded: Senator Gates

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